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Montclair Library to Receive Funding for Tutoring Program

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their March 5th meeting:

- The Board accepted a \$10,000 grant from the State of California for use in developing an on-line tutorial assistance program at the Montclair Branch Library. The program will use the existing computer lab at the library and will provide online tutoring to assist children and youth with their homework.

“This is a great program in that it will provide direct assistance with school work to children in the Montclair community,” said Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar

- \$67,437 was allocated to the Chino Valley Unified School District to implement a youth smoking prevention program. The program will be in effect at schools in the Chino Valley Unified School District during the 2002/2003 school year. There is no cost to the county for this program, as the funding was made available through the large settlement with tobacco companies in November 1998.

“It is vital to the health of our children that we do all we can to discourage tobacco use,” said Aguiar. “Providing funding for this program will help.”

- Appropriations to the District Attorney’s office were increased by \$218,572 and to the Public Defender’s office by \$219,533. Each also received approval for the addition of six new staff members. These measures were taken as a result of the increase in judgeships in San Bernardino County. In May 2001, a judicial position was filled that had been vacant for nearly a year and a half. Furthermore, in late 2001, two appointments were made to fill newly created judicial positions. The new judgeships have effectively added two courtrooms that must be fully staffed by the District Attorney and Public Defender.

“We need to be sure that the county is providing adequate staff from both the District Attorney and Public Defender’s office to all relevant court proceedings,” said Chairman Fred Aguiar.
“With today’s increase of appropriations and staffing this should be achieved.”

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